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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) a concise explanation of the relevance of the five references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 not in the English language are as follows:

P.H. List: "Arzneiformenlehre" Chapter Konservierungmittel pp. 369-373, 1976.

This reference discusses different types of carriers of ophthalmic medicinal solutions and the properties necessary for optimal effectiveness.

P.H. List: "Arzneiformenlehre" Chapter Augenarzneien pp. 400-410, 1976.

This reference discusses the different types of preservatives for ophthalmic medicinal solutions and their effect on preventing contamination.

R. Voight: "Lehrbuch der pharmazeutischen Technologie", Chapter 27 Augentropfen, pp. 459-467, 1975

This reference discusses, in general, the characteristics of eye drops including the advantages and disadvantages of varying pH, sterility, clarity, preservation, tonicity, viscosity, surfactant activity and buffering, as well as comparison of various containers for dispensing and storage of the eye drops.

Pharmazie, vol. 37, No. 4, 1982, pp. 261-263, Pohloudek-Fabini et. al. "Zur Stabilitat der Phenylquecksilbersalze."

This reference discusses the stability of phenylmercury salts stored in plastic and glass containers.

R. Voight, "Lehrbuch der pharmazeutischen Technologie," 5th edition, 1984, pp. 554-557, Verlag Chemie, Weinheim, DE.

This reference discusses the permeability of plastic and glass containers as carriers for ophthalmic medicinal agents.

Also enclosed are English translations of the five references not in the English language.

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